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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - ALLEGED NEAR MISS OVER BALTIC
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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION BUT MAY UTILIZE TO RESPOND TO
PRESS QUERIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE US AIR FORCE DID IN FACT OPERATE AN
AIRCRAFT OVER THE BALTIC SEA ON 5 JANUARY 1977. THE
AIRCRAFT WAS INVOLVED IN ROUTINE FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN
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